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The President's Corner ...

It is hard to believe, but my time as your chapter President is drawing to a close. This thought has put me in a reflective mood as I think back on my tenure and some of the accomplishments we have achieved since 2012. I'm proud to report that we have accomplished many things during these four years. In my opinion, OC AARP1917 is truly regarded as one of the finest chapters in Maryland.

Our membership continues to grow. Many of you are reaching out to friends to join us. I thank you for your efforts in helping our chapter remain strong and grow to serve our senior community. We encourage everyone, new members and older members to get involved and assume or share one of our many leadership opportunities.

Under the leadership of Louise and Garry Fox, we produced a chapter newsletter and expanded our membership rolls and I.T. operations.

Our travel group has grown, thanks to the oversight and planning expertise of Santa Kvech and her committee. Travel opportunities abound locally, far and wide, now extending to distant overseas land and water travel opportunities. What a tremendous job this committee has accomplished. Bob McCluskey is due many thanks for his efforts and introducing the "Lunch Bunch" excursions to various local restaurants.

Our communications chairperson, Michelle Donovan, picked up where Garry Fox left off and expanded the operation.

Dr. Melvin Friedman is our Health Fair Director and we will be celebrating (30) thirty years with him in 2016. No words can express our deepest thanks to him for safeguarding this valuable tradition.

We named an historian, Mary Ann Lemay, to keep track of our chapter artifacts and a photographer, Bob Chapman, for memories of our special occasions.

Bill Shoop has kept us financially sound, while Norma Bull has chaired our scholarship committee. Our chapter officers and Board members generously provided support and decisions for organizational goals.

We ran political and informational forums for our chapter members and their guests, as well as Ocean City and Worcester County residents. How could I forget our chapter's 40th anniversary celebration. What an affair this was, thanks to Santa Kvech and her special committee!

While I may have missed pointing out other individuals for their contributions to our vast committees and projects, I would like to extend a very heartfelt "THANK YOU!" to all who are responsible for the continued success of our chapter.

Finally, to my wife Helen who was my backbone and inspiration. I can't thank her enough for her loving care during my illness, her assistance with my duties as your president and for managing all general meeting set-ups before you, our members, arrived for coffee and refreshments.

In closing, our chapter volunteers make up the spirit of our organization. They are crucial to who we are and what we do. I was greatly inspired by our chapter members who joined us on this mission.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Chris

Our Meetings



Our membership meetings are held at the Worcester County Senior Center located at 41st street, Bayside, Ocean City, second Thursday of the month. When looking at the Convention Center from Ocean Highway, the Senior Center is located to the right, sort of under the water tower. There is free parking next to both the Senior Center and in the Convention Center parking lot.

You do not have to be a resident of Ocean City to join our chapter, and you can already belong to another chapter; that's fine with us.

Tell your neighbors! See you there at 9:30 a.m. for coffee. Meeting at 10 a.m.

BE a SNACK VOLUNTEER for our monthly meeting!

2nd THURSDAY every month

Bring Meeting Munchies



We are looking for assistance with helping to organize our monthly snack donations. Grab a friend and help us out. Make an offer to our new president, John Bloecher.

NEWS YOU SHOULDN'T MISS

- Installation of new Chapter Officers will be held this Thursday, just prior to our holiday celebration.
- AARP Chapter 1917 membership will celebrate the spirit of Christmas at this Thursdays meeting, following the installation of our new officers. **PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT TO SHARE!**
- Our annual Worchester County health fair will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd. Mark your calendars now for the many benefits of Dr. Friedman's leadership in this process contributing to the healthy lifestyle and screening of our community.
- Bob McCluskey's lunch bunch is planning lunch at the Crabcake Factory on Rt 54 following the January meeting.
- Like the Christmas Elves, Santa Kvech and her travel committee are working behind the scenes to add new travel opportunities for the Spring, Summer and Fall. Stay tuned!
- Please remember Deb McCluskey in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery process.

It's a NEW YEAR!

Bring your thoughts on how to improve, upgrade or otherwise make our AARP chapter more interesting. We **need to hear your thoughts and comments or have you email them to us.** As we vote in new officers today, each will be receptive to any suggestions you make regarding items such as private speakers who might spark interest, travel trips that sound attractive, ways to enhance our volunteer efforts, lunch bunch choices, or other ways in which to promote camaraderie and fun among our members. We are here for you and other seniors in our community. It would be great if you could enhance our value and service for yourselves and others.

Exciting Opportunity

We are losing a valued member of our membership committee. Mary Martinez is leaving by the end of this calendar year. She is responsible for adding names and addresses of new members. Encourage a friend to share this role and have fun stepping in and helping us out. It is a rewarding role with minimal time requirements. We will teach you the process. Send your offer of help to info@aarp1917.org

AARP FOUNDATION TAXAIDE
SEEKS VOLUNTEERS
FOR 2016 SEASON

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, is seeking volunteers to help taxpayers seeking assistance in preparing and filing their 2015 tax returns. Volunteers do not need to be an AARP member or retiree to participate.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers receive free tax training, AARP supplied laptops, and are reimbursed on a limited basis for qualified program-related expenses. They help taxpayers at sites around the state, learning new skills while giving back to countless communities.

Tax-Aides have said, "Over the years, we have assisted thousands of people in preparing and filing their tax returns, and could not do it without all of our loyal volunteers who make an indelible mark on the communities they help."

Last year, Tax-Aide volunteers helped over 1,000 taxpayers across the Lower Shore. They join the more than 35,000 Tax-Aide volunteers across the country, helping millions of taxpayers each year. Volunteers for the 2015 season are needed for the Salisbury and Worcester County offices in Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and the Snow Hill – Pocomoke areas.

For more information on how you can join the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide team, visit our web site at www.aarp.org/giving-back or call John Bloecher, District Coordinator, 410-213-1608.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in conjunction with the IRS.

2015 – 2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS



December 10, 2015 - 9:30 AM – Membership meeting during which we will have our annual Christmas party at the Senior Center.

BRING YOUR FAVORITE CHRISTMAS DESSERT !



January 14, 2016 – Membership meeting @ 9:30 for coffee and communication. Meeting starts at 10 am. Bob McCluskey's lunch bunch will visit Crabcake Factory on Rt. 54 following the meeting

TRAVEL NEWS AND UPDATES 2015 -2016

- **NEW!** March 16, 2015: Harrington Casino Slots, \$20/person. Includes bus transportation, \$15 play money and \$7 voucher towards Harrington's famous buffet luncheon. Payment due by February 11th.
- April 5, 2016: Cherry Blossom Cruise, Washington DC, \$129/person. Includes bus transportation & driver tip, lunch, cruise and live music. **Final payment due by 03/10/2016.**
- May 18, 2016: Candlelight Dinner Theater, *Arsenic & Old Lace*, \$85/person. Includes bus transportation & driver tip, lunch and show. **\$25 deposit due by 01/14/2016. Final payment due by 3/10/2016.**
- September 16 -24, 2016: *Romantic Danube River Cruise* - Viking River Cruises on the Longship Freya. Cabin rates from \$3030.50, Dbl Occupancy. Viking Air specials announced monthly.

Check our website Travel page for more information. [Just Click Here.](#)

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*Merry Christmas
and
Happy Holidays,
Everyone!*





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MEMBERSHIP 2015-2016 INFORMATION VERIFICATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT ONLY

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

National Membership ID#: _____ **(From your AARP National card)**

Expiration Date: _____ **(From your AARP National card)**

Membership Fee: \$7 per person per calendar year

Make Check payable to: AARP Chapter 1917

Mail to: Membership AARP 1917, PO Box 4193, Ocean City, MD 21843

Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope; otherwise your membership card must be picked up at the membership table at a membership meeting.

Membership Requirement: You must be a paid-up member of the National AARP organization to become a Chapter 1917 member.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month (except for July and August) at the Worcester County Senior Center, Ocean City, located at 41st street, next to the Convention Center. Coffee and Conversation is at 9:30 a.m. Meeting starts at 10 a.m.

Please visit our website (www.aarp1917.org) to find out more about us.

TRAVEL FUN! New York City, December 1 and 2nd, 2015

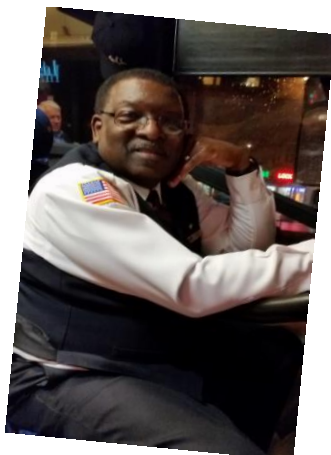
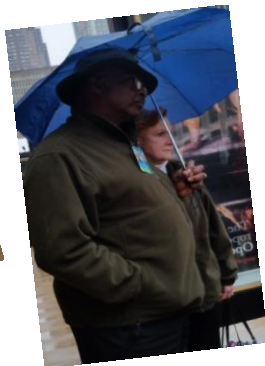
Grand Central Station for NYC Arts and Craft Fair, 2 Broadway Plays, Dinner at Carmines, Tour of the Lincoln Center and a safe and fabulous bus trip!



Grand Central Station



Lincoln Center

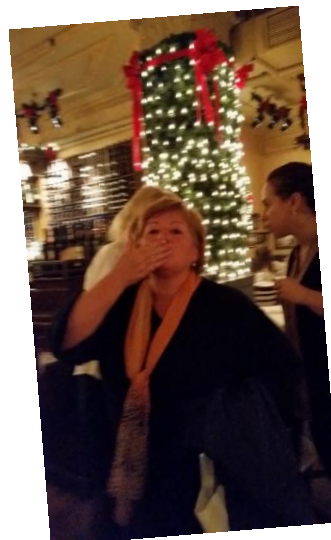


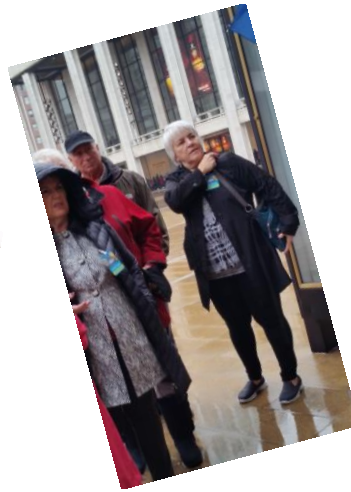
Super NYC driver Earl



Carmines NYC

Family Style Italian





Good times, good food, good wine, good friends!

P.S. BE SAFE in UNSETTLING TIMES!

